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Here are a couple more reasons why Northern Sunrise Water Co. a subsidiary of Algonquin Water Utility gives terrible customer service and should not be allowed to enlarge their service area.

- 1. The evening of the CC meeting on June 23 in Sierra Vista, I received in the mail a late notice with a threat to cut off my water if not paid by the 30th. This was the 1st time I had ever been late with payment and most of the time I not only pay early, I usually have a credit balance since I round up and frequently pay what I think will be the amount due the next month so I don't have to waste a stamp every month. I have a lot of animals I care for. To threaten to cut off my water during the hottest month of the year and not even give me 5 full business days to pay especially considering my payment record, I think was poor customer service. Not only that, they expected me to pay the \$49.87 that was past due but also to pay the next month's bill of \$61.36 that wouldn't ordinarily be due until 7/11. After arguing with a service rep, I finally was able to convince them that only the past due amount needed to be paid to keep my water from being turned off.
- 2. In July, my meter wasn't read so they estimated my usage at double the amount used in June, the hottest and driest month of the year! I called on the 28th, the day after I received the bill and complained that because of all the rain, I hadn't been watering so there was no way I could use that much water and have never used that much water. They offered to have the meter read the next day, the 29. I called the 30th to find out the results and was told a supervisor would have to call me. The next day I was told I had a \$16 credit (and this was 3 weeks after the meter was originally due to be read). So I asked if I could just subtract \$16 off my bill and was told I would have to pay the large estimated bill and that the credit would show up the following month. I said that's not fair because then the company gets the use of my money for an entire month. Why would I want my meter read if I wasn't going to be able to use the credit immediately? If they estimate X number of bills every month, just think of the interest they collect from the bank! Also I noticed the latest bill I received doesn't even give a due date just "due upon receipt". Do they really expect people to run out to the post office the minute a bill is received? Don't they have to give at least 5 business days in order to pay a bill? At what point would the bill become late?

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